

Early Help Statement

Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School understand the importance of early help for children and families in our community.

At Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School, we understand that from time to time family life can have its complications and sometimes families may need some extra support. To support and advise you at such times we have an Early Help Offer.

We believe that by working together we can better support children and families. Sometimes families need support from a wide range of agencies or people, for example, health services, housing services, family support workers, social workers and local police.

As a school we may be able to signpost a range of services to support families beyond the educational settings.

What is Early Help?

Parenting is hard families go through stuff and can sometimes benefit from extra support. This can be during pregnancy, while they are very young or throughout their educational years.

EH helps families recognise what is working and where extra support may be needed, and who is best to work with you to make it all happen. Through EHA.

Early Help Assessment

This starts with a conversation with a member of the Safeguarding team They can then look into what support is best suited for you.

This conversation may lead to an Early Help assessment EHA. This is how we get a better picture of what support is needed for the whole family. This is not a referral, it is an assessment school complete with the family about what's going well and what's not going so well for you and your family.

It is our choice to take part in the assessment and you can choose who else should be involved. A good assessment is completed with you not for you.

All families are different but a Early help assessment will:

Identify what support is needed

Create a clear picture of the family's circumstances

Working together on a plan to get things going well again.

What happens after the EHA?

With your permission, people from different organisations working with your family will share information and work together to help support you and your

family. This could be school, mentors, Health, etc and may be followed by a TAF meeting.

Why do I need to give permission?

Agencies can't share your information unless you agree, because your information is protected by law under the Data Protection Act.

What is a Team around the family meeting?

The family and any professionals involved will come together to make a support plan. This is reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that progress is being made for your family and that the right support is in place.

The lead professional that supports you and your family will arrange the review meetings and be someone you can speak to at any point about any concerns or issues you and your family are experiencing.

Who can I talk to at school?

If you would like to talk to someone at school, you can ask to speak to your child's Head of Year. You can also ask any member of staff for help or ask to speak to any member of our safeguarding team (see below):



Mrs C Richards
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead & Mental
Health Lead



Mrs Bayley
Family Support
Worker & Deputy
DSL



Mrs Booker
Medical lead &
Deputy DSL



Mr Walsh
Assistant head
Teacher & Deputy
DSL

How to contact us:

You can contact school on **0121 5561488** and ask to speak to Mrs Richards or a member of the Safeguarding team or email school, if you prefer, on admin@stuart-bathurst.org.uk and someone will be in touch.

Helpful Links:

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/childcare-early-years/early-help>

<https://www.sandwellcsp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Early-Help-Strategy-Apr-2022.pdf>